

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Bart E. Cassidy Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP 401 City Avenue, Suite 901 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2017-003004)

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

This transmittal is in response to your FOIA Request (EPA-HQ-2017-003004), submitted January 19, 2017. You requested a copy of all requests for information issued by the Agency to carbon black manufacturing companies pursuant to Section 114 of the Clean Air Act or otherwise, and all notices of violation or other documents including or referencing allegations of potential noncompliance under the Clean Air Act, issued or transmitted by the Agency during 2016 and 2017 pursuant to or in the context of the Agency's Clean Air Act enforcement initiative concerning the carbon black production and manufacturing industry. In our conversation of January 23, 2017, you confirmed that the scope of this request covers public documents and does not include confidential documents exchanged in the course of settlement communications.

I performed a comprehensive search for this information. Enclosed, please find all information that EPA has in its possession, control, and custody which is responsive to your request. No information responsive to your request has been withheld.

This information is being made available to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, and Agency regulation, 40 CFR Part 2, as amended. There is not cost for this information.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit.

Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Kellie Ortega at (202) 564-5529.

Sincerely,

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